

Notice of Allowability

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09/749,627

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/27/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-17,20 and 24-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 9/7/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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9/07, 5/07, 7/05, 1/05, 12/04, 8/04, 6/04, 3/04, 1/04, 10/03, 2/03, 6/01 and 3/01.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendments

Claims 2, 18, 19 and 21-23 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 16 and 17 have been amended.

Claims 24-26 are newly added.

Claims 1, 3-17, 20 and 24-26 are pending.

Per Examiner's Amendment

Claims 1, 8, 17 and 24-26 are amended.

Claims 1, 3-17, 20 and 24-26 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

I. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks filed 6/27/2007, with respect to claims 1, 8 and 17 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore the rejection of the above claims and their dependents has been withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

II. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Atty. Karl Renner and Chen Qian on 9/7/2007. Please amend the following claims (claims 1, 8, 17 and 24-26) accordingly:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying web site search results obtained from searching multiple electronic information stores, the method comprising:
storing, at a web host, internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host;
receiving at least one search term at the web host;
comparing, at the web host, the search term with the stored internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host to determine whether matches exist and obtaining an internal search result that is part of the stored internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host;
comparing the search term with electronic information that is external to the web host, that is distinct of the stored internal searchable content and that is accessible to both the members of the web host and non-members, to determine whether matches exist and obtaining an external search result that includes the matches that are determined to exist; and
displaying, in a single interface, output that includes the internal search results and the external search results, wherein a group of more than one internal search result that includes the internal search result is displayed in a first section of the displayed output, a group of more than one external search result that includes the external search result is displayed in a second section of the displayed output, [[and]] the first section and the second section are physically distinct from each other on the displayed output and the second section includes indication text indicating that the second section includes external search result.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying web site search results that are produced from searching multiple electronic information stores, the method comprising:
storing, at a web host, internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host;
receiving at least one search term at the web host;
comparing, at the web host, the search term with the stored internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host;
obtaining an internal search result that is part of the stored internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host, that includes the matches that are determined to exist;
sending the search term to a third party search service for use in comparing the search term to at least electronic information that is external to the web host, that is distinct of the stored internal searchable content and that is accessible to both the members of the web host and non-members;
receiving an external search results from the third party search service; and
displaying, in a single interface, output that includes the internal search result[[s]] and results, wherein a group of more than one internal search result that includes the internal search result is displayed in a first section of the displayed output, a group of more than one external search result that includes the external search result is displayed in a second section of the displayed output, [[and]] the first section and the second section are physically distinct from each other on the displayed output, the results including at least one web site identifier and the second section includes indication text indicating that the second section includes external search result.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer program stored on a computer readable medium for displaying web site search results obtained from searching multiple electronic information stores transparently, comprising instructions for:
storing, at a web host, internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host;
receiving at least one search term at the web host;
comparing, at the web host, the search term the stored internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host to determine whether matches exist, obtaining an internal search result that is part of the stored internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host;
comparing the search term with electronic information that is external to the web host, that is distinct of the stored internal searchable content and that is accessible to both the members of the web host and non-members, to determine whether matches exist and obtaining an external search result that includes the matches that are determined to exist; and
displaying, in a single interface, results that includes the internal search results and the external search results-wherein a group of more than one internal search result that includes the internal search result is displayed in a first section of the displayed output, a group of more than one external search result that includes the external

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search result is displayed in a second section of the displayed output, ~~[[and]]~~ the first section and the second section are physically distinct from each other on the displayed output and the second section includes indication text indicating that the second section includes external search result.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the second section of the displayed output indication text~~ includes ~~[[a]] warning text in the second section for the search result from external content.~~

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein ~~the second section of the displayed output indication text~~ includes ~~[[a]] warning text in the second section for the search result from external content.~~

26. (Currently Amended) The computer program of claim 17 wherein ~~the second section of the displayed output indication text~~ includes ~~[[a]] warning text in the second section for the search result from external content.~~

Reasons for Allowance

The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance

III. The prior art or record fails to teach neither singly nor in combination, the claimed limitation of “storing, at a web host, internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host; receiving at least one search term at the web host; comparing, at the web host, the search term the stored internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host to determine whether matches exist, obtaining an internal search result that is part of the stored internal searchable content accessible only to members of the web host; comparing the search term with electronic information that is external to the web host, that is distinct of the stored internal searchable content and that is accessible to both the members of the web host and non-members, to determine whether matches exist and obtaining an external search result that includes the matches that are determined to exist; and displaying, in a single interface, results that includes the internal search results and the external search results-wherein a group of more than one internal search result that includes the internal search result is displayed in a first section of the displayed output, a group of more than one external search result that includes the

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external search result is displayed in a second section of the displayed output,” stated in independent claims 1, 8 and 17 (supported in Applicant's Disclosure on pages 2 and 20-32).

Specifically, the prior art fails to explicitly teach that the first section and the second section are physically distinct from each other on the displayed output and the second section includes indication text indicating that the second section includes external search result as illustrated in Figures 9e, 10b and 10c. This limitation, in conjunction with other limitations in the independent and dependent claims, are not expressly disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record. A review of claims 1, 3-17, 20 and 24-26 in view of the Examiner's arguments above, indicates that these claims are therefore allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

IV. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Kristie Shingles whose telephone number is 571-272-3888. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-6:00pm.

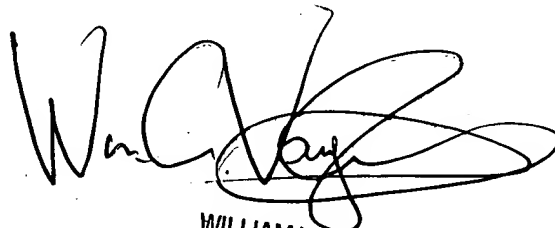
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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